

## Stone Tables – The Ten Commandments: Part 2

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Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

#### - Recap:

- “Fear the Lord” is in the Bible over 100 times in various forms.
  - Example **Prov 1:7** Harsh example is **Luke 2:4-5**
- Fear the Lord is beginning of wisdom, but not the finish!
  - Progression from enemy of God => forgiven child => servant => friend!
- Because perfect love casts out fear. **1 John 4:18**
- We love because he first loved us. **1 John 4:19**
- Jesus said the greatest commandment was to love God, so how do we love God back?
- That question takes us to the 10 Commandments!

#### - This week: God’s Love Languages

- Why does God make rules? Because He loves us and He knows things we don’t.
- But also, God shows us how to relate to Him and love Him with some specific commands.

#### - Read the 10 Commandments: **Exodus 20:1-17**

- First two commandments **Exodus 20:2-3, Exodus 20:4-6.**
  - Jealous? Not talking low emotional intelligence, but God expect an exclusive relationship.
    - No other Gods. (Like no other women for the husband.)
      - To love God properly, there must be no competition for our affections.
    - Not even piddly homemade idols!
      - This is not talking about things you enjoy.
      - Not even talking about distractions (weeds), which can get dangerous.
      - Rather, this is what you trust in if God doesn’t come through.
        - Ex: money, my understanding/ability, my network, etc.
        - You can have these, but don’t trust in them over or besides God!
- Third commandment: **Exodus 20:7**
  - Respect the Name! The Jews of that day took this very seriously.
  - Cursing is bad of course. Don’t do that. That is very disrespectful.
  - Two things I think are not good and related to this. (but don’t take it too far)
    - 1: Saying God told you something when He didn’t.
      - Playing the “God card” is often just manipulation.
      - Side note: how to hear from God and how to tell others.
    - 2: Being too casual with God.
      - Talk directly to God, but be reverent in prayer. Visualize the throne of God.
- Fourth commandment: **Exodus 20:8-11**
  - Don’t get legalistic, but this command still stands. **Hebrews 4:9-11**
  - How do we interpret this in the New Testament era? God wants regular blocks of time.
    - You can do shift work, have church on Sunday, etc. But make time for God.

- So, putting it together from these commandments we love God by having an exclusive relationship with Him, built on respect, where we spend time together. Does that seem reasonable?

- I’m going to ask you to respond to this message. As we pray, pledge to do live out these 4 Commands.

- Pray for each other before you finish up!